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SUBJ: STAFFDEL TILLMAN

REF: STATE 234150 AND 234152

1. DEPTTEL 230348 AND ACCOMPANYING LETTER FROM EMBOFF
RE TILLMAN VISIT POUCHED TO CARDILLI ON REGULAR RUN
NOV 29 (NO POUCH RUN MADE BY USINT NOV 22).
THEREFORE WE ASSUME CARDILLI FULLY INFORMED ON BACKGROUND
AND DATES OF VISIT. CARDILLI HAS ASKED US
NOT RPT NOT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH USINT BY PHONE,
THEREFORE WE MUST RELY UPON POUCH.

2. WE PLAN ADVISE TILLMAN TOUCH BASE WITH CARDILLI
UPON ARRIVAL DAMASCUS AND TO GO OVER GROUND ON BATES
CASE WITH HIM BEFORE TALKING TO SARG.

3. SARG APPEARS MORE INTERESTED THAN PREVIOUSLY IN
RECEIVING AMERICAN OFFICIALS, SINCE KENNEDY REFUGEE
SUBCOMMITTEE STAFFDEL DE HAAN ALLOWED VISIT DAMASCUS
AND RECEIVED BY DEP FONMIN RAFAI ON NOV 29 AS RESULT
OF DEMARCHE MADE ON DE HAAN'S BEHALF NOV 24 BY
UNRWA. (DE HAAN HAD MADE NO ATTEMPT CONTACT SARG
PRIOR LEAVING WASHINGTONGM HE MADE VERY RAPID ONE-DAY
VISIT WITH UNRWA ESCORT AND HAD NO TIME CHECK IN WITH
CARDILLI. WE HAD NO MEANS NOTIFYING CARDILLI OF
DE HAAN VISIT, SINCE SARG APPROVAL RECEIVED ONLY
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LATE NOV 28.) DE HAAN VERY IMPRESSED BY RAPIDITY

OF SARG DECISION RECEIVE HIM AND WARMTH OF CONVERSATION
WITH DEPTY FONMIN. TRUST DETAILS ON CONVERSATION
WILL BE REPORTED BY EMB AMMAN, SINCE WE HAD NO TIME
DEBRIEF DE HAAN PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM BEIRUT.
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